

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15 of the First Extraordinary Session
By Brooks

A RESOLUTION to commend the Greater Imani Church for its planned April 4, 1999 Easter service at Mid-South Coliseum in which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be remembered.

WHEREAS, the most significant holiday in Christianity is Easter, in which the resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated following His death on the cross for the redemption of human sin; and

WHEREAS, Christians are called to follow the example of the life of Christ to the full limits of human ability and to heed His call to serve others; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King, Jr., a man who strove all his life to follow the call of his Savior, lost his life at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy effected a radical transformation in American society toward equality, mutual respect and recognition of the inherent worth of all peoples - a transformation that is still in process; and

WHEREAS, for the first time since 1968, Easter falls on April 4th, making Easter 1999 a unique and special occasion; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Imani Church ordinarily holds two separate Easter services to accommodate its 7,000 member congregation; however, this year the church has secured the use of the Mid-South Coliseum in which to conduct an Easter service which can accommodate everyone in one service; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Imani Church will use this unique situation to incorporate into its 1999 Easter worship service a celebration of the life, dedication and sacrifice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a *Calvary to Memphis Concept*; and

WHEREAS, the pastorate and congregation of Greater Imani Church, always faithful to their God and Savior in worship and service, should be commended for their imaginative means of commemorating the life of a great American and faithful servant of the Lord; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we thank the members of the Greater Imani Church for their dedication to service to God and their fellow human beings, and commend them for their efforts to honor the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.